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## **ARRESTS MADE IN OCCUPY SAN DIEGO PROTESTS**

(San Diego, CA) The San Diego Police Department announces the arrest of numerous individuals for a variety of charges stemming from the "Occupy San Diego" demonstrations.

This morning, shortly before 2:30 a.m., San Diego Police officers, assisted by San Diego Sheriff's deputies, removed the personal property stored at the Civic Center Plaza and San Diego Children's Park by "Occupy San Diego" protestors. This property included tents, canopies, tables and other furniture, which is a violation of San Diego Municipal Code Section 54.0110 (Encroachment). Since the demonstration and occupation began three weeks ago, the San Diego Police Department has received numerous complaints from the facility staff about the unsanitary conditions created by human and animal feces, urination, drug use, littering and damage to City property. We requested that all persons leave the Civic Center Plaza in order to allow a cleaning crew to conduct a thorough cleaning this morning.

While removing the property, protestors were provided access to a nearby site where they could continue to exercise their First Amendment Right to free speech. The cleaning crews began their work in Civic Center Plaza around 7:00 a.m. this morning. Once the cleaning is completed, those who wish to return to the Plaza to continue their protest will be allowed back, as long as they do not bring personal property or camp.

Officers conducted enforcement in Children's Park where protestors were in violation of the City's Encroachment ordinance and the Park's Nighttime Curfew ordinance. Like many other downtown parks, Children's Park is closed between midnight and 6:00 a.m. each day. Those individuals camping in the Park were violating both laws.

The San Diego Police Department supports the rights of all who choose to peacefully protest and has accommodated the protestors and demonstrators representing "Occupy San Diego" since the beginning of their action on October 7, 2011. However, the group representing "Occupy San Diego" were given multiple orders by uniformed San Diego Police officers to remove their tents, canopies and other personal property stored at Civic Center Plaza. Even after several requests to comply with the law, protestors refused to remove their property.

San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne and Assistant Chief Boyd Long will be at San Diego Police Department Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. today to discuss the operation.

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